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Attached is a revision of the General Topics.  
Is this OK - or should we discuss further?

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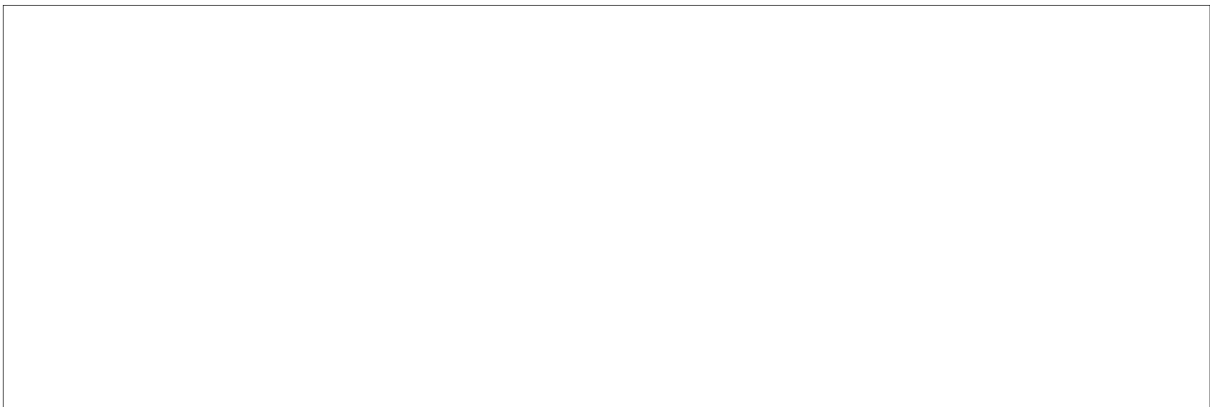
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CARDINAL ISSUES

1. The Thrust of Soviet Military Programs
  - a. The developing strategic force posture
  - b. Soviet capabilities for projecting military force in the Third World
  - c. Soviet perceptions of opportunities to intervene abroad after Afghanistan
  - d. The prospects for arms control
2. Soviet Political Prospects and Foreign Policy Objectives
  - a. Soviet internal problems, including economic, during a period of impending changes in top leadership
  - b. The impact of these internal factors on external policies
3. Eastern Europe between Moscow and the West: political, economic and military issues



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5. OEDD: Trade, Economic Conditions and Prospects
  - a. The economic transformation of Japan

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6. Middle East: Trends towards Stability and Instability
  - a. The capability of Moslem countries to coalesce effectively against Soviet threats and to accept US support for this purpose
  - b. The role and prospects of Israeli-Arab negotiations
  - c. Trends towards nuclear proliferation
7. China: Economic Modernization and Political Development
8. The Future Security Prospects in the Far East: Japan, China and the US
9. Major African Prospects
  - a. The outlook for Black-White relations in Southern Africa
  - b. Ethiopia's role in the Horn
10. Latin America: Upheavals in Central America and the Caribbean
  - a. Cuba's military development and its interventionary intentions and capabilities in the region
  - b. The political and economic prospects of Mexico
11. Progress and Stability in Key States of the Developing World
  - a. Impact of economic constraints on political stability in South Korea
  - b. Nigeria's regional role - factor for stability?
12. Pressures and Prospects in the Less Developed World
  - a. The NAM after Afghanistan
  - b. The economic and political impact of increasing energy costs and world economic stagnation and inflation

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13. Global Politico-Economic Problems

- a. The politics and international security implications of the energy problem
- b. Present and future vulnerabilities of selected countries to economic sanctions and, vice versa, present and future capabilities of selected countries or coalitions for imposing economic sanctions



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